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In re application of: Douglas Werner

Application No.: 10/601,021

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For: PLANAR GAP PRE-FILL METHOD FOR READ HEADS

Group No.: 3729

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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1. I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case, on the basis that the Office Action forming the basis of the abandonment was not received.
2. I hereby state:
 - (a) The Office Action indicated, as mailed on August 26, 2004, was not received.
 - (b) A search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received.
 - (c) The PAIR site indicates that the Office Action was returned to the USPTO as undeliverable on August 26, 2004.

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3. I attach a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. Please see page 2 of Exhibit A. This shows how the entry would have appeared on our docket.

4. As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action, I also attach:

Exhibit B is a copy of the PAIRConnect Patent Record which shows a direct comparison of the PTO Action Items on the PAIR system and the IP Master Actions listed in our docketing database. The PAIR column shows the mailing of the Non-Final Rejection on 8/26/2004, but there is no action noted as received on our side.

Exhibit C is a copy of the PAIR Image File Wrapper showing the Non-Final Rejection was returned to the USPTO as undelivered on 08/26/2004. Please note that is the same date as the Mailing date of the Action.

Exhibit D is a copy of our Firm's Audit Sheet showing a note from docketing department personnel highlighting the non-receipt of the Office Action in question.

5. In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

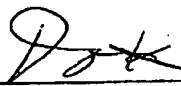
6. The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)–\$130.00) is paid as follows:

Should the Commissioner find that a fee is necessary, authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. SJ0920010068US2).

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